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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TADAHIKO FURUTA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SHEEHAN, JOHN P
SERIAL NO: 10/019,283 :
FILED: JANUARY 2, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1742
For: TITANIUM ALLOY MEMBER AND :
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to an Official Action dated May 27, 2003, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.